

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1732-3.

THE
OCCASIONAL FINANCIER
Extraordinary.

In Answer to some Objections.

Sed male dum recitas, incipit esse tuum.

MARTIAL.

AS the preceding Paper, No. IV. closed one Part of the Argument which I propos'd to offer to the Consideration of my Countrymen in favour of an Excise upon Wines; I am, in a fort, at leisure to bestow this on those Gentlemen who have honoured the *Occasional Financier* with their Notice: For it must be esteem'd an Honour to receive even Correction from Persons whose elevated, whose penetrating Understandings are employ'd in nothing less than prescribing Rules to assembled Senates, and giving Laws to the Lawgivers of a whole Nation.

To which Honour I have this additional Satisfaction, that 'tis the *Manner*, rather than the *Matter*, 'tis the *Conduct* of the *Writer*, rather than the *Argument*, that has hitherto been criticised: To which Points I shall therefore speak here, leaving such Things as look like Objections to the *Reasonings* themselves to a more proper Part of these Papers; not designing to interrupt the Thread of my Argument with them: For which Reason I have, without affixing any Number to it, call'd this *The Occasional Financier Extraordinary*.

Among which, my Honourable Monitors, Mr. D'Anvers's Observations, in a Letter of Saturday the 10th instant to himself, claim the first Place. — In speaking to which I can't help taking Notice of the entertaining and judicious Steps by which he falls on the Subject; where, after a very sage Reflexion of the Attention which *Princes* and *Statesmen* ought to give to the low Wit of the *Populace*, he takes particular Notice of a *Ballad-Singer* and his little, *Political Ditty*, as he styles it in the diminutive and endearing Language of a *Parent*, tho' 'tis remarkably one of the longest and most over-grown *Babes* that ever was seen with so little Wit. — Next to which he is no less pleas'd with a *Tobaccoist's* Device, and a *Vintner's* Sign, both apparently from the same paternal Reasons of Affection: — Which immediately after dilates itself to a numerous Offspring of punnic-metaphorical Quibbles, all which he secretly blesses as so many *hopeful Children*, that promise their dear *Father* a strenuous Assistance in combating that Monster, an Excise on Wines, &c. which, as *Don Quixote* did a *Flock of Sheep* for an Army, our *Political Knight-Errant* has sometimes taken for a *Trojan Horse*, and sometimes for a terrible *Dragon*.

In this happy Tranquillity of Mind, from the pleasing Prospect of such powerful Seconds, the good *Old Gentleman* (as he often does when he designs to be witty) goes quietly to sleep, without the least Danger, one would imagine, of *uneasy Dreams*; but in spite of this flattering Review of his Forces, the same Image that has formerly so often disturb'd his Rest, haunts him afresh with Visions more terrible than that of an Excise. In vain the *Dragon-drawn Chariot* seem'd overturned in the *Wooden Cut*; in vain the *headless Rebus* was seen bleeding on the *Vintner's Sign*; the goodly *Personage* (who is the Source of all his Disturbance) appears to him, still unhurt, in a large *Elbow-Chair*; and, Oh killing Sight! is still a *Personage in Authority*: At which starting into a

fresh Panick, he wakes himself with his own Cries.

When, like *Richard* from his Couch, reanimating himself again, the first Object that presents itself to his View is the *Occasional Financier*. And here, since his Army of *Pigmy-Puns* have lanced their little Points without Success; since neither a *Rebus* nor a more powerful *Prophecy* have prevail'd; he reinforces them with an *Etymology*. The Word *Financier* is certainly of *French* Derivation; and therefore down with an *Excise*, down with the *Dragon*. Most logically concluded, it must be confess'd, and well worthy the *Man*; who, borrowing an Argument from *Mother Shiptan*, could prove an Excise on Wines dangerous to the Nation, because it might happen to be propos'd in a Year when *Easter* and *Lady-Day* coincide. O profound *Politician*, great *Counsellor* and *Legislator*! to whom *Gadbury*, *Lilly*, and *Partridge*, with *Forefight* himself, must veil their *Bonnets*!

After this home Stroke at the *Title*, he attacks the *Style*; and is much disgust'd at the pedantick *Fustian*, which pleads to rescue sucking Infants, and those unborn, from the unwholesome Potions of our *Wine-Brewers*; quite forgetting, in all Appearance, how pathetically he has himself call'd on all the Nation to rescue those *Brewers* themselves from the Bombast Jaws of a devouring *Dragon*.

My other two Friends are, *Vinarius* in the same *Craftsman*, and a *Writer of Observations* in the *Daily Journal* of the 9th instant; who, with Mr. D'Anvers, seem offend'd at the Epithets bestow'd on the *Sophistificators* of *Wine*. Where, after observing that the first Letter-Writer condescends to fear there is too much Truth in the Charge of *Fraud*, tho' he is unwilling to allow it an unwholesome one; I must reply seriously to my two latter Antagonists, that I think the Trade deserves no better Appellations; and appeal to all my Countrymen, whether those Names are any sort of Abuse of the Guilty, on whom only (and not on the Innocent or Honest, as such I suppose there are) they are bestow'd. But these Gentlemen are, it seems, People whose Tongues are hardy enough to style the *Establish'd Laws* and the *Officers* who execute them, *Harpies* and *Beasts of Prey*; while their Ears are so tender, that they can't bear to hear *Fraud* and *Poisoning* call'd by their own proper Names.

There is indeed one Part of the Charge in which both *Vinarius* and the *Observer* seem to agree; which is, that of an Abuse offer'd to the Characters of the fair Ladies who adorn the Bars of most *Retailers*. This, if there had been really an inadvertent Slip of my Pen in any ambiguous Expression, I should readily acknowledge and beg Pardon for; but upon the least Review of the Paragraph it will appear either a malicious *Misrepresentation*, or a gross *Misapprehension*. *Vinarius* concludes it, because I say that the *Retailers* Customers are welcome to their very *Bedchambers*; but he was certainly *Vinosis*, as well as *Vinarius*, when he drew such a Conclusion; for 'tis said in Answer to the Objection made to *Excessiveness* entering their *Private Houses*, and alludes only to the known and every Day Practice of the *Wine Company* behind the *Bar*, or to other *Rooms*, where the Family lie, when the rest of the House happens to be full, without the least Intimation that those Customers were welcome to any Thing there, but drink their Liquors. And as to the *Insults* mentioned in the same Paragraph, the *Observer* allows them to be *Fact*; and which I myself then suppose would be *resented* as such, and punished with the *Round-House*, &c. accordingly, were it not for the Gains of the Trade. So far was I from intimating their being received with any sort of Ap-

probation by the Women to whom they are offer'd.

I have answer'd this Part of the Charge with particular Care; because whatever Opinion these Writers may entertain of the *Occasional Financier*, they will find him as incapable of offering such an Insult or Abuse to the good Names or Reputations of innocent, inoffensive Women, as he is willing to expose those dishonest and mischievous Practices, which he has, he thinks, but justly censured.

My Friend in the *Daily Journal* asks, "Whether, like *Balaam* the venal Prophet of "Old, I am hired to curse the People?" But what Resemblance he finds between the *Wine-Brewers* and God's Chosen People, I can't guess; unless he thinks that, like those, they also have a Commission to destroy and possess the Land; nor am I less at a loss to find a Parallel between the Prophet and myself, except the *Observer's* Readers should think that we agree in the Circumstance of having been both admonish'd by the same sort of Animal; tho', whatever the Prophet did by his, I leave all the World to determine, since he has thus taken the Saddle upon himself, whether I have smitten mine unjustly, notwithstanding his very eloquent Apology for the People; in whose Defence he has for once spoken, inspired in all Appearance, not by the Spirit which open'd the Mouth of the Hebrew Quadrupede, but by that of downright English Stum.

ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS Caleb D'Anvers and Company, who have, for some Time past, carried on the Trade of brewing PATRIOTISM, are apprehensive that the Exciements in Westminster-Hall may, some time or other, lay their Compositions under such a Tax as would spoil the Trade, they now permit their Receipt to be published for common Benefit.

Be it known therefore, that this highly approved Liquor consists of equal Quantities of a flat sort of SELF-CONTRADICTION, an eager, hungry, SELF-INTEREST, and the fiery Spirit of SEDITION doubly distilled; which they sell also separate, by the Name of rectified Spirit of Liberty; but as this Composition is very apt to be upon the fret, 'tis often necessary to dash it with a little seeming Love for PRESENT ESTABLISHMENTS; and if it happens to grow vapid, as 'tis frequently the Case, especially in Summer, a proper Quantity of ANTIMINISTERIAL EXCLAMATION quickens it again, like Arsenic in White Wine.

However, notwithstanding this Publication, they hope that such of their Customers as want Skill or Convenience to prepare it for themselves, will still apply to the said Caleb and Company, at their Vaults in Covent-Garden; where they continue to deliver it as usual, at the most reasonable Rates, with proper Encouragement to those who sell it again.

N. B. That so small a Quantity as Two Penny-worth will often heat and intoxicate as effectually as so much GIN; and, like that celebrated Cordial too, it makes all Sorts of People, BEGGARS and COBLERS not excepted; instantly as wise and as great as LEGISLATORS or PRINCES.

Read, try, and judge; and speak as you find.

On Saturday arriv'd the Holland Mail, and yesterday the French.

Paris, Feb. 25. N. S.

M^{rs} Adainé de France the Third, who died the 19th, did not sicken till the 17th, when she was seized with a Fever, and grew delirious.

delicious the next day. She was immediately let Blood in the Foot, and twice afterwards; but it signified nothing.

Their Majesties, who were to have returned to Versailles the 21st, will stay at Marly till Saturday next, on Account of that Princess's Death.

By Letters from Avignon of the 11th inst. we understand, that the Affair of the Interruption of Commerce with France was not made an End of, as it had been reported; the Ground of which Report was this: The Marquis de Maillebois, who commands the Troops of France, having made some Proposals to the Vice-Legate of Avignon, in order to bring about an Accommodation, that Prelate answered him, that he had not Full Power to grant what he demanded; but that he would dispatch a Courier to Rome, to acquaint the Pope with them; and that in the mean time he desired him to suffer a certain Quantity of Provisions to enter the City for the Subsistence of the Inhabitants; which was granted by the Marquis de Maillebois.

The Corps of Madame de France was carried from Versailles in the Night between the 23d and 24th, and interred at St. Denys, where it was presented to the Monks by the Cardinal de Rohan, Great Almoner of France, and by the Grand Master and the Master of the Ceremonies. The young Princess of Conty was Chief Mourner, attended by the Dutchesse de Tallard and a certain Number of Officers of the King's Household.

'Tis impossible to express what a great Number of People are taken ill here with Colds, there not being a House without some Sick in it. Three in four of the Monks and Nuns keep their Beds. There are above 800 Sick in the *Hôtel des Invalides*; and the like in other Colleges. All the Letters from Foreign Countries, as well as from the Provinces of France, are full of this Malady, which is very fatal in some Places.

The Queen has been blooded by way of Precaution, being big with Child.

By one Man's falling out, the Actions are fallen down to 1700 Livres. They seem to stand upon a ticklish Foundation!

L O N D O N

At the Council-Chamber, Whitehall, the 15th Day of February, 1732.

P R E S E N T,

The Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. George Earl of Cholmondeley to be Governor of the Island of Guernsey, the Lordship this Day in Council took the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of that Island.

St. James's, Feb. 15. This Day Count Kinski, Ambassador from the Emperor, had his first Private Audience of his Majesty in that Character; being introduced by the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, Feb. 16. This Day Count Kinski had a Private Audience of her Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl of Grantham, her Majesty's Lord-Chamberlain, and conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, Feb. 17. On Thursday last his Majesty was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Hugh Clopton Esq; of Stratford upon Avon, in the County of Warwick.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Richard Fitz William Esq; to be Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Bahama Islands in America, and Garrisons there, in the room of Woodes Rogers Esq;

Yesterday the Right Rev. Dr. Clagget, Lord Bishop of St. David's, preached before their Majesties, and the Royal Family, at St. James's.

The same Morning 20 Priests and Deacons were ordained at the said Chapel by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London.

On Friday last came on a Poll between the late Select Vestry of the Parish of St. Botolph Bishopgate-street and the Gentlemen who are Inhabitants in New Broadstreet and Devonshire-Square; the latter insisting on a Committee of 40 of the Parishioners to inspect into the Churchwardens Accounts, and likewise the Workmens Bills for the Repairs lately made in the Churchyard; which was denied by the former: The Poll closed the same Evening at Six, when the Numbers stood, viz.

The late Vestry — — — 198
For the Committee of 40 — — — 137
Whereupon a Scrutiny was demanded, and granted; which will begin to-morrow.

On Saturday in the Afternoon three Carts loaded with Books, Papers, and Records, were sent from the York-Buildings House in Winchester-street to the Honourable House of Commons, for the Inspection of the Committee that are appointed to examine the Affairs of that Company.

On Wednesday the 28th Day of this Month a Court of Honour will be held at the College of Arms at Doctors Commons; when the Earl of Effingham Howard, Deputy Earl Marshal of England, will take the Oaths and his Place accordingly.

On Thursday last died, aged 115 Years, one of the oldest Pensioners of Chelsea College, who had served the Crown as a Private Centinel upwards of 80 Years: For some Years before his Death, his Grace the Duke of Richmond and the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole were pleased to allow him a Crown a Week each, for the Good Services he had done to his Country.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated February 24. N. S.

This Day a Courier passed thro' this Place with an Express to Rome, the Contents whereof are whispered here to be, that several Gentlemen, who are known in England by the Name of the *Dawley Congress*, have sent to desire the *Chevalier de St. George*, for several very important Reasons, to decline his Pretensions to the Crown of Poland, at this extraordinary Conjunction, in favour of the *L—d V—t B—ke*; who has also dispatched the *Sieur B—*, famous for his Negotiations at *Dunkirk*, as his Plenipotentiary to the Primate of Poland, to acquaint him with the said Proposition, which it is not doubted, but will be very agreeable News to the whole *Polish Nation*, as that Nobleman has distinguished himself so eminently, both for his Politics and Prowess, in the several great Scenes of Action in which he has been engaged; especially as his Religion can be no Obstacle to his Election, he having embraced the Communion of the Holy Roman Catholic Church several Years ago, when he was in the Service of the *Chevalier de St. George*, as his Treasurer at this Place. The same Letters add, that there are some Powers who intend to oppose his Election, upon Account of his Usage of the *Catalans*, and his Attachment to the Interest of the *Chevalier*; but it is believed it will be without Success.

Philadelphia, Sept. 14. Monday last the four Men, who have lain in our Gaol some Months under Sentence of Death for Piracy, were brought to the Court-House, and received his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

Oct. 19. On Sunday last arrived here Capt. Timberton, in 17 Weeks from Rotterdam, with 220 Palatine, 44 died in the Passage. About 3 Weeks ago the Passengers, dissatisfied with the Length of the Voyage, were so imprudent as to make a Mutiny; and being the stronger Party, have ever since had the Government of the Vessel, giving Orders from among themselves to the Captain and Sailors, who were threatened with Death in case of Disobedience. Thus having Sight of Land, they carried the Vessel twice backward and forward between our Capes and Virginia, looking for a Place to go ashore they knew

not where. At length they compelled the Sailors to cast Anchor near Cape May, and 1 of them took the Boat by Force and went ashore; from whence they have been 5 Days coming up by Land to this Place, when they found the Ship arrived. Those concerned in taking the Boat are committed to Prison.

Boston, Nov. 6. A most unhappy Murder was committed in this Town on Friday the 3d instant, by a Mother upon her own Child, an Infant Son of about 8 Months old: We are told she first cut its Windpipe, and afterwards its Head almost off. The Mother has been for some time distracted; and is committed to Gaol, but insensible of the barbarous Action.

By Letters from New-York, of the 30th of last Month, we are advised, that the Corporation in Common Council there were going in a full Body to pay their Compliments to the Lord Augustus Fitzroy, Son of the Duke of Grafton, and presented him with the Freedom of the City, the Seal whereof is inclosed in a Gold Box. His Lordship arrived there the Week before *incog.* and as soon as the Governor heard of it, he invited him to the Fort; where he stays with his Excellency's Family, who treat him with all imaginable Respect.

Saturday South Sea Stock was 102 1 half. South Sea Annuity 110 14th to 3 8ths. Bank 151 to 1 4th. Bank Circulation 51, 7s. 6d. Prem. Million Bank 115. India 157 1 half. 158. Royal Assurance 105 1 4th to 1 half. London Assurance 13 5 8ths. African 35. Three per Cent. Annuity 100 1 4th to 3 8ths. Three and 1 half per Cent. Annuity 41. 10s. Prem. India Bonds 51, 10s. Prem. South Sea Bonds 2 l. 9s. Prem. Three per Cent. Bonds 2 l. 19s.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Fifth of his present Majesty it is enacted, 'That all Person or Persons, who shall have accepted of any Trust or Trusts, and shall wilfully conceal or protect any Bankrupt's Real or Personal Estate, and doth not give Notice thereof to the Commissioners or Assignees of such Bankrupt's Estate, and truly discover the same, shall forfeit One hundred Pounds, and double the Value of the Estate or Effects so concealed or protected.'

And whereas all the Estates and Effects of Mr. John Ward, late of Hackney, a Bankrupt, hath been conveyed and assigned over to several Persons, or otherwise secreted, in order to conceal and protect the same against his Creditors; and some Part thereof has been found and recovered by the Assignees; and the Persons who protected the same will be prosecuted for the Penalties, on the said Act directed: These are therefore to give Notice to all Persons that have any of the said Bankrupt's Estates or Effects, or otherwise, That if they will come in and discover the same, they shall have such Reward as the said Act in that Case directs, and all other fitting and reasonable Encouragement; and that such Persons as have any Estates or Effects of the said Bankrupt, or shall protect the same by any Trust or Trusts, will be prosecuted to the utmost Severity of the Law, unless they discover the same to the said Commissioners or Assignees, or to Mr. Gostrey of Sheer-Lane, near Lincoln's-Inn, Clerk to the said Commission, on or before the First Day of March next.

THE Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for Sale of the late Earl of Knapelagh's Estates, give Notice, That his late Mansion-House, Our-Houses, Gardens, and Lands thereunto belonging, at Chelsea in the County of Middlesex, being Freehold, will be sold all together, or in Parcels, by Cant or Auction, to the best Bidders, on the 28th Day of February, 1732, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Great House in New Palace Yard, between Westminster-Hall and the Exchequer.

The Estate may be seen daily, and Particulars thereof, with the Conditions of Sale, and a Plan of the whole Premises. How the same will be sold in Lots (in case not sold all together) will be daily delivered at the said Mansion-House, and at Mr. Belsey's, Attorney at Law, in Norfolk-street in the Strand.